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(54) Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING ENANTIOPURE β -AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES, AND ENANTIOPURE β -AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES

(57) Abstract: Process for producing enantiopure β -amino acid derivatives corresponding to general formula (I) R₁-NZ-CHR₂-CH₂-COOR₃ (I) in which R₁ and R₂ independently denote organic residues optionally forming a cyclic substituent, R₃ denotes H or an organic residue, and Z represents H or an amino function-protecting group, comprising a step in which a mixture of enantiomers of a compound corresponding to general formula (II) R₁-NZ-CHR₂-CH₂-COOR₄ (II) in which R₁, R₂ and Z are as defined for formula (I), and R₄ is an organic residue, is subjected to hydrolysis in the presence of a lipase.



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1. claims: 1-9 (all partially and as far as applicable)

Process for producing enantiopure beta-amino acid derivatives corresponding to general formula R1-NZ-CHR2-CH2-COOR3 in which R1 and R2 independently denote organic residues forming a cyclic substituent. Process for producing a peptide or a peptide analogue according to which the enantiopure beta-amino acid derivative is used.

2. claims: 1-9 (all partially and as far as applicable)

Process for producing enantiopure beta-amino acid derivatives corresponding to general formula R1-NZ-CHR2-CH2-COOR3 in which R1 and R2 independently denote organic residues not forming a cyclic substituent. Process for producing a peptide or a peptide analogue according to which the enantiopure beta-amino acid derivative is used.

3. claims: 10-12

Enantiopure beta-amino acid derivative corresponding to general formula R1-NZ-CHR2-CH2-COOR3 in which the substituents R1 and R2 form a heterocycle with the group N-Z-CH, said heterocycle comprising at least one additional hetero atom. Peptide or peptide analogue which can be obtained using, in the process for producing it, such an enantiopure beta-amino acid derivative.

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